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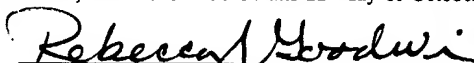
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply mailed September 24, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.